

REMARKS

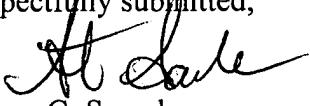
The applicants appreciate the examiner's review of the prior art and indication that claims 13, 16-24 and 63-73 are allowable. Applicants also wish to express their appreciation for the examiner's indication that dependent claims 2, 7, and 48 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, to expedite prosecution, the applicants have added claims 2, 7 (along with intervening claim 4), and 48, respectively, to their independent claims. Specifically:

- Claim 2 was added to independent claim 1,
- Claims 4 and 7 were added to independent claim 1 to produce new independent claim 74,
- Claim 48 was added to independent claim 37,

All claims therefore are allowable over the cited art.

The application therefore is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Applicants request any extension of time, if necessary. Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4972. Applicants also request that the examiner contact applicant's attorney, Steven Saunders, if it will assist in processing this application through issuance.

Respectfully submitted,


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